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HARTFORD MAN IS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT AFTER PARTY AT TRIANGLE INN

Borrowed Car Over- turns and Joseph Her- bert Receives Fatal Injuries—Wife Discov- ers Tragedy.

Had Previously Given Him Keys to Get Machine— New Britain Man Rushes Victim to Hospital But in Vain.

Hartford, May 26 (AP)—Joseph Herbert of 11 Myrtle street, was found lying on his back, fatally injured, on the state highway between Farmington and Plainville at 4:30 this morning.

The car he had been driving was backed against an embankment, its top ripped off, after having apparently turned over several times. He was dead when he reached St. Francis hospital, to which he was rushed when found.

At Triangle Inn
Herbert and his wife had attended a party at the Triangle Inn on the Farmington-Plainville highway. In the early morning hours, as the party was breaking up, Mrs. Herbert gave her husband the keys of the car, which was the property of Miss Helen Weiner, also of 11 Myrtle street.

When some time had elapsed since she gave her husband the keys to the car, and he had still not appeared with it, Mrs. Herbert, accompanied by John Campin, of the Avon hotel, set out to look for him.

Found in Highway
They found him lying on his back in the highway, full in the glare of the headlights of the car he had been driving. Stopping Stanislaw Babek of 76 Derby street, New Britain, who was driving past the scene in his sedan, Mrs. Herbert rushed her husband to Hartford.

Captain Nichols of the state police this morning officially reported that the motor crash had been an accident.

LINER MALOLO BEING TOWED TO NEW YORK

Seven Million Dollar Boat in Collision During Trial Cruise

New York, May 26 (AP)—The 47,000-ton liner Malolo, the pride of the American merchant marine, with 310 persons aboard, today was anchored 90 miles off New York awaiting a tow to this port after having been crippled in a collision on the first day of her trial cruise.

The Malolo, the largest and fastest commercial craft ever built in the United States and just completed for passenger service between San Francisco and Honolulu, yesterday afternoon, was rammed amidships in a heavy fog and disabled 15 miles southwest of Nantucket Light ship by the Norwegian freighter Jacob Christensen.

Her firerooms flooded with four feet of water, the Malolo, which in the Hawaiian tongue means "flying fish," flashed distress calls by radio and immediately a fleet of rescue craft from almost every point of the compass started to her side.

After the steamer Fisher had groped her way to the two fog-hidden vessels, the Jacob Christensen steamed on towards New York, leaving the Fisher standing by the anchored Malolo.

Shortly after midnight the steamer Gulfland of the Gulf Refining company also located the Malolo and in a message to the Independent Wireless company said she was standing by awaiting the lifting of the fog before attempting to tow the liner to this port.

Receipt of the liner's SOS call started a dozen ships to her aid. Three tugs of the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking company left New York, two destroyers from the coast guard left New London, Connecticut, a fourth Merritt-Chapman company wrecker started from New London. The United States shipping board liner President Roosevelt, the Cunarders Mauretania, Carinthia, Samaria and Lancastria, and the Anchor Liner Transylvania deviated from their courses to go to the aid of the Malolo but later continued on their voyages when told help was not needed.

Two fire rooms and the engine room of the Malolo were flooded and the bow of the Jacob Christensen, bound from England for New York, was crushed. No one was reported injured.

A radio message received by the Associated Press from William P. Roth, president of the Matson Navigation company, one of the guests on board, said the Malolo had water in her firehold and was unable to proceed under her own power.

A message relayed from the steamer Fisher said the Malolo had a large hole in the iron plate wall

CHAMBERLAIN SAYS GOVT. STANDS PAT

Insists House Vote on Break With Soviets

LABORITES ARE OPPOSED

Clynes Offers Resolution For Delay
But Foreign Minister Declares
Measure Is Intended As One of
Censure.

London, May 26 (AP)—Sir Austen Chamberlain, British foreign minister, told the house of commons today that the government was not prepared to accept a motion by J. R. Clynes, laborite, that an inquiry should be held into the government's charges of Soviet propaganda in Great Britain, charges which have resulted in a decision to sever diplomatic relations.

Sir Austen declared that the laborite motion was a vote of censure and that the government invited a clear expression of confidence and approval. If it did not get it, the government would know what steps it would be its duty to take.

Sir Austen said that there was not a word of truth in the suggestion that at Rome and Geneva he had tried to form an anti-Soviet union. The British government, had no idea of embarking on any such anti-Soviet campaign, he asserted.

The government, he continued, was content to rest upon the information it had disclosed. It thought it unnecessary to produce any more of this information.

The government had a mass of evidence to show that continuously, in every quarter of the globe, where elements of trouble existed, the Soviet government had sought to take advantage of those elements to increase unrest and create trouble, particularly where British interests could be affected.

Clynes Defends Soviets
Speaking for the laborites, J. R. Clynes told the house of commons that Soviet Russia "must not be condemned without trial."

Mr. Clynes faced a packed floor and galleries when he rose, amid labor cheers, to place his motion before the house. The government, he said, had reversed its former position that British trade and the future peace of Europe would be injured by severance of relations with Russia. He understood the government position now to be that Russia was in the dock.

"We accept that position," he declared, "but we demand that in this matter she must not be condemned without trial. We refuse to admit either the guilt or the innocence of Russia."

The labor resolution, moved by Mr. Clynes, reads: "That, having heard the premier's statement, 'this house is of the opinion that termination of the trade agreement with Russia and severance of diplomatic relations would have serious international consequences and close a promising avenue to the restoration of trade and industry, and is therefore a policy to which the country ought not to be committed until the report of a select committee, based upon examination of all relevant documents and full inquiry into the facts, has been submitted to this house.'"

To Withdraw Envoys
Premier Baldwin was asked whether the British consular offices would be withdrawn from Russia and what government would be asked to take charge of British interests there.

The premier replied that the British government was not a consular office; they were attached to the British diplomatic mission in Moscow and would be withdrawn simultaneously with the mission.

The point raised in the latter part of the question, he said, was still under consideration.

OLD COUPLE DIE TOGETHER

88 and 86 Year Old Newark Husband and Wife Take Gas, Fearing Separation.

Newark, N. J., May 26 (UP)—Fearing that they would be separated and sent to homes for the aged, Patrick O'Rourke and his wife, Margaret, 86, called down the windows of their home in Newark and committed suicide today by inhaling gas.

Mrs. O'Rourke wrapped in blankets, was found in a chair in the parlor. Her husband sat in a chair nearby.

They lived the house in which they lived and died there more than 25 years.

A neighbor who brought milk every morning for the two octogenarians, called police and doctors when she was unable to get into the house.

Mrs. Hugh Cronin, Brooklyn, a niece of the O'Rourkes said the old couple had been persuaded to consent to enter a home for the aged, where two feeble to attend to household duties. They needed constant assistance, she added, but objected nevertheless to the attention and aid of their relatives.

Auto Plunges Down Bank to Track, Driver Escaping Without Scratch



G. H. Wooding won't forget this trip. Down the west embankment at Black Rock Bridge without a scratch and the machine still in good shape.

G. H. Wooding, of 38 Bohemia street, Plainville, took a ride in his sedan at 9:30 this morning which he will probably never be able to duplicate and live through when he dove off the northwest abutment of Black Rock bridge, went through two fences and landed in a nearly perpendicular position on the railroad tracks below. It was thought that a broken steering knuckle was to blame for the car leaving the road and careening over the embankment. Not a pane of glass in the heavy car was broken and the only damage which was evident at the scene of the accident was to the front end of the machine. Mr. Wooding had not even a scratch to remind him of the affair, and he had stuck to his machine all the way down the bank.

Harry Smith, a repairman for the Southern New England Telephone Co., saw the auto disappear over the embankment and hurried to Mr. Wooding's assistance, helping him out of the car and later running up the track and flagging an approaching train.

Mr. Wooding is a mover of buildings by trade and has a job in the neighborhood of Curtis and Myrtle streets. He was coming to work from his home in Plainville and had reached the intersection of Burrill street, west of the bridge without mishap. But, when attempting to take the turn into Burrill street and proceed toward Myrtle, he lost control of his car and went through the wooden guard fence at the top of the railroad embankment. From there he ran about 20 feet down the steep bank, the final step being a sheer drop of four to five feet off the abutment. An old mesh wire fence on the way down gave way with little trouble but probably aided in checking the speed of the car. It rested with its radiator in the ditch alongside the west railroad track and the rear end pointed skyward on the embankment.

A large crowd was soon attracted, with Motorcycle Officer Hayes in charge. Trains in both directions were flagged and work of salvage gotten under way. After many difficulties the car was finally removed.

A motorist whose identity is not known had a thrilling experience at the same bridge last night while turning from Burrill into West Main street, heading toward the city. On account of the wet road the car skidded and banged up against the fence on the south side of the bridge but the fence remained intact although one of the auto's wheels was broken and the rear right mudguard crumpled up.

Girl from St. Mary's School Spelling Championship Winner

Marie Hahn Takes City Title and Herald Trip to Washington for Chance in National Contest.

Marie Hahn, 13 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hahn of 18 Washington street, and a student in the St. Mary's parochial school, carried off the honors of the Herald city championship spelling contest today when the "Little Red School House" was transplanted to the Rotary club luncheon, in the annual Herald spelling match.

Miss Hahn had a hard battle and for some time it was a toss up between her and John Boyle, who was going to carry the coveted Herald trip to Washington.

There were 24 spellers facing L. P. Slade, principal of the senior high school as the latter commenced his list of words. There were no easy words. Mr. Slade got right down to business and started in with words selected from an eighth grade list. The first word was "decision" which was spelled correctly. From the very beginning there was a doubt as to whether the coveted trip would go to a boy or girl. The girls outnumbered the boys 15 to nine.

The words were given first to the boys and then to the girls. The first boy to go down, failed on "counterfeit." "Immense" also proved the Waterloo for a boy. "Marmalade" strangely enough, was the undoing of the third boy.

The first girl who went down failed to stick on "mucilage," while "poached" took the next one. "Sized" was too much for one girl. Boys and girls went down in turn with the following words: "Superior," "porcelain," "toroise," "dispensary," "nagerie," "municipal," "incessant," "occurrence," "hippopotamus" and "rhinoceros."

With all down but two, Marie Hahn and John Boyle, both from St. Mary's school, Mr. Slade pronounced "discernible." It was spelled wrong by Boyle, who took a seat, acknowledging defeat. Miss Hahn also missed and Boyle was recalled. "Disension" was the word given, and again Boyle misspelled it and took his seat. Again Miss Hahn failed and Boyle was recalled. "Rendezvous" and "rarely" followed. Miss Hahn missing the latter word first, but being recalled when Boyle also missed. Finally "battalion" was given. Two many it was Boyle's undoing. Visibly nervous, Miss Hahn unlocked the word and spelled it correctly amid the cheers of the Rotarians. Miss Hahn immediately was congratulated.

Suspicion was first directed to Wellman when it was learned that the 65 year old farmer had told neighbors that the youth had robbed him of \$400 in a transaction last fall and that there had been bad feeling between them.

Later it was learned that a machine corresponding in appearance to one owned by Wellman had been reported on roads near the lonely Wentworth farmhouse last Friday. Chapman and Sheriff Frank A. Cooper, together with Frank Rogan, a Bangor detective, and Cecil Clay,

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THE WEATHER

New Britain and vicinity:
Generally fair and cool to-
night and Friday.

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RECEPTION GIVEN LINDBERGH TODAY REALLY WONDERFUL

Cheered by Parisians as No Man Has Been Since Woodrow Wilson's Triumphant Entry

ALSO IS GREETED BY FAMOUS WAR LEADERS

Marshal Foch Presents American With Picture of Himself and Joffre Likewise Honors Him— —Flier Deeply Moved at Tribute Paid Him by Delegation of French War Maimed.

Paris, May 26 (AP)—Captain Charles Lindbergh was paraded before the eyes of the people of Paris today to such cheers as no man has heard in this city since Woodrow Wilson made his triumphant entry into Paris in 1919.

It was the first opportunity that the citizens of Paris have had to see the heroic American aviator since his arrival at the Le Bourget flying field Saturday night, for all his intervening hours have been devoted to receiving honors from persons in high places.

Thousands Throng Streets
Tens of thousands of Frenchmen cheered the young American this afternoon as he was escorted from his country's embassy to the Hotel de Ville.

Under the trees that border the Champs Elysees—one of the world's most magnificent boulevards—the common people of France stood in great masses, waving flags and shouting "bravo" as the slender and unspooled youth from America was driven past them in a state procession.

The place De La Concorde was packed with humanity and so was the celebrated Rue De Rivoli looking out upon the green trees of the Tuilleries gardens, beautiful under a brilliant Maytime sun. It was a day such as poets and painters have celebrated for centuries, perfect springtime in Paris.

Flags Are Displayed
The flowers were in fresh bloom and the trees were fresh foliage, while the tri-color of France and the stars and stripes of the United States fluttered everywhere. Republican guards, mounted on horses, lined the route, while every few feet or so stood policemen holding back the frenzied hero worshippers. The scene was perfect, but the procession was somewhat of a disappointment to the crowds.

The hustle and hurry spelled it somewhat for the patient folk who had waited so long for a sight of the smiling face of the man who left New York one morning and arrived in Paris the next night. The car in which Lindbergh sat, sped through the Champs Elysees at 20 miles an hour or more.

Municipal Reception
It was a few minutes after three o'clock this afternoon when the flier left the American embassy to ride to the Hotel de Ville where the city of Paris had prepared a municipal reception for him. Mr. Godin, president of the municipal council, and M. Bojoux, prefect of the Seine department, called for him in an open limousine. Escorted, as always by Ambassador Herriek, the young flier and the two French officials drove from the American embassy through streets packed with cheering thousands.

Fathers and mothers held their

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YOUNG FARM WORKERS ADMIT BRUTAL MURDER

Two Confess Slaying Maine Farmer—Loot Only \$12 and a Watch

Belfast, Me., May 26 (AP)—Leland Wellman, 23, and Percy Jones, 20, farm hands in the village of West Washington, confessed early today, county authorities said, to the brutal murder of Dexter Wentworth, aged Lincolnville farmer, who was clubbed to death in his home last Friday night.

Wellman struck Wentworth on the head eight times with a heavy club which he had brought with him for the purpose, County Attorney Clyde R. Chapman announced, following statements from the youths.

The only loot obtained was \$12 and their victim's watch, the prisoners declared. Although neighbors of Wentworth had told authorities he had a large roll of money on him when last seen. This has not been found.

Later it was learned that a machine corresponding in appearance to one owned by Wellman had been reported on roads near the lonely Wentworth farmhouse last Friday. Chapman and Sheriff Frank A. Cooper, together with Frank Rogan, a Bangor detective, and Cecil Clay,

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FIRE BUG BLAMED FOR \$40,000 LOSS AT POLISH PRINTING CO. AND BARN

Ruins of Barn on Polish Orphanage Property



SEEKS SCHOOL PERMIT, CONTRACT IS NOT LET

Hartford Building Concern Anticipates Getting \$200,000 Job

The M. A. Connor Construction Co. of Hartford today applied for a building permit to erect a school building on Clinton street. The building, which is expected to cost about \$200,000, will house 14 classrooms, auditorium, gymnasium, library and offices.

Although the Hartford concern made application for a permit, the contract has yet been awarded. A meeting of the school accommodations committee will be held shortly for this purpose, and it is expected that the Connor Co. being the low bidder on the general contract, will receive the award. Heating and electrical bids will be opened at that meeting.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS ARE FULLY COMPLETED

Morning Parade, Exercises at Court of Honor and Monument

The graves registration committee of Eddy-Glover post, American Legion, will be at St. Mary's and Fairview cemeteries Sunday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock. The committee would appreciate the services of members of the families of dead servicemen. Chairman William Kelley of the committee announced today that his committee would decorate the graves of all ex-servicemen and also the grave of Mrs. Mary Agnes Lincoln, a gold star mother, who was buried this week.

All preparations for the annual observance of Memorial Day here have been completed and Theodore A. Johnson, marshal, has issued his orders and official program of parade and ceremonies as follows:

Having been elected marshal of the Memorial Day parade, 1927, by the joint Memorial Day committee of the City of New Britain, I hereby assume command.

The following appointments are hereby announced:

Chief of staff, Harry C. Jackson, past department commander of the American Legion.

Aides: United Spanish War Veterans, William Massey and William Reed, American Legion, Edward Ogren, N. C. Avery, Edward Johnson, Dewey Selandar and Mason; Andrews, Leroy C. Ensminger, Honorary: Stanley Post No. 11, G. A. R., W. F. Sternberg, W. E. Latham and S. H. Woods, commander Stanley Post No. 11.

The following orders of the day are declared:

Aides will report to chief of staff, Monday morning, May 29th, at 9:30 sharp (daylight saving time) at junction of Pearl street and Franklin square.

Commanders of various units will report to the chief of staff Monday morning, May 29th, at 9:30 (daylight saving time) at Franklin square for assignments.

Parade will be formed in the following order:

First Division
Platoon of police, Chief William C. Hart, commanding.
Marshal.
Chief of staff.

Aides: Philharmonic Band, E. J. Lynch, leader.
Provisional Battalion 169th Infantry, C. N. G., Captain William W. T. Squire, commanding; Lieut. William Jackson, adjutant.
Company "T"—Lieut. Thomas Carey, commanding.
Field Colors.
Headquarters Company, Lieut. McCormick, commanding.
Company "H", machine gun company, Lieutenant William Lickl, commanding.

Second division, Scout Executive

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SMILE WORTH \$3,400

This Is Value Jury Places on Expression of Chorus Girl Who Lost Teeth in Accident.

White Plains, N. Y., May 26 (UP)—A valuation of \$3,400 was placed on a show girl's smile today by a jury in supreme court.

Miss Josephine Fruscella of Yonkers, known on the stage as Jessie Madison, was awarded that amount for the loss of five front teeth and her sunny smile.

The verdict was against Emanuel Schuler and Louis Bacon, the latter a pajama manufacturer. Bacon was operating Schuler's automobile with Miss Fruscella as a passenger, when an accident occurred in which the show girl lost her teeth.

The suit was for \$10,000. Justice Tompkins refused to set aside the verdict, saying: "It is much too small, rather than too large."

On the second floor, another fire was discovered and here, too, the smoke was dense and the heat almost unbearable. Chief Noble, who responded on the bell alarm with Co. No. 2 and No. 2 ladder company, is positive that the fire started in the room where the boys were sleeping, but there was no connection between the two fires in the sense that one was caused by the other. There is a 16 inch brick wall in the rear part of the building and the room on the second floor directly above the sleeping room was burned only slightly, while the room on the opposite side of the wall was blazing fiercely. The theory is that the fire was lighted simultaneously. The second story blaze destroyed hundreds of printed books, besides gutting the sleeping, the floors, walls and ceiling.

The presses and other machinery

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North End of City in Ferment as Incen- diary is Suspected of Applying Torch to Two Buildings.

Evidence of Forcible En- trance at Printing Plant Where Fire Is Found on Two Floors.

NUNS RISK LIVES TO RESCUE STOCK

While the entire city is alive with rumor and speculation, and the so-called Polish district in the northwestern section is in a turmoil of grief, excitement and suspicion, the police are conducting an investigation into two early morning fires that did damage estimated at \$40,000 by Chief W. J. Noble of the fire department, in whose opinion the blaze at the printing establishment of the Polish Orphanage at 475 North Burrill street was incendiary, and that at the large barn, a few hundred feet from the orphanage, "very suspicious." Chief Noble reported his suspicions to the police department, and in a statement afterwards declared that two separate fires were set in the printing plant, and he believes the fire in the barn was also the work of an incendiary.

May Be School Firebug
On every street corner in the northwestern section the fires are the principal topic of conversation. Excited groups were gathered in the stores, homes and business places, every phase of the destructive visit of the flames was gone into. That the guilty person or persons also started the fire that did damage of \$15,565 in the Sacred Heart of Jesus parochial school December 21, 1924 was freely stated, but Rev. Lucyan Bojnowski, pastor of the parish and director of the various undertakings that have characterized the growth and progress of the Polish section of the city in the past decade, merely shrugged his shoulders and with characteristic resignation, asked "Who Knows?"

Radical Element Advanced
Various theories were advanced by residents of the section which for the past several months has been shaken by internal dissension in the parish. Staunch supporters of Father Bojnowski did not hesitate to state today that the destructive element, or at least the more radical members of this group, were directly responsible for the incendiary, while others declared it to be the work of a fanatic or a demented person.

Printing Plant Broken Into
The printing establishment was broken into by forcing the rear door, it is believed, and two fires were set, according to Chief Noble. The building is three stories in height, the outer walls being of brick and concrete construction, while the interior walls are of wood. The exception of the walls, the third floor is an open attic and is seldom used. On the first floor are the press room, composing room, offices and similar rooms, while the second floor contains a considerable amount of paper, and like articles. There are front and rear stairs to the upper stories.

Dog Arouses Neighbor
Shortly before 2 o'clock this morning, Mrs. Stanislaw Staba of 434 North Burrill street, who lives just across the street from the printing plant, was awakened by the loud and insistent barking of her dog. Looking out to determine the cause of the animal's actions, she saw smoke pouring out of the building, the flames inside. A telephone call was sent from her home to Co. No. 2, the first department, and immediately on arrival of the firemen at 2:04 o'clock the seriousness of the fire was noted and an alarm was sent in from Box 33, which is nearby.

Superintending Officer James Noonan was near the fire house when the telephone call was received and he rode to the fire. Running to the rear of the building, he seized the handle on the door and with a single pull, opened it. The smoke pouring out was suffocating. The company entered the building from the rear door on the first floor, a mass of flames, which spread to the ceiling and flicked at the walls with a roar that could be heard throughout the neighborhood. Lead type was melted and ran like water, so intense was the heat.

Fire
On the second floor, another fire was discovered and here, too, the smoke was dense and the heat almost unbearable. Chief Noble, who responded on the bell alarm with Co. No. 2 and No. 2 ladder company, is positive that the fire started in the room where the boys were sleeping, but there was no connection between the two fires in the sense that one was caused by the other. There is a 16 inch brick wall in the rear part of the building and the room on the second floor directly above the sleeping room was burned only slightly, while the room on the opposite side of the wall was blazing fiercely. The theory is that the fire was lighted simultaneously. The second story blaze destroyed hundreds of printed books, besides gutting the sleeping, the floors, walls and ceiling.

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